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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.6/47/L.15

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2, 3 and 6 of draft resolution A/C.6/47/L.15, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide that the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the role of the Organization would hold its next session from 1 to 19 March 1993;

(b) Request the Special Committee to accord priority to the question of the maintenance of international peace and security in all its aspects in order to strengthen the role of the United Nations, to continue its work on the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes between States and to consider various proposals with the aim of strengthening the role of the Organization and enhancing its effectiveness;

(c) Request the Special Committee to submit a report on its work to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session.

B. Relationship of requests to the approved programme of work

2. The proposed activities fall under programme 9, International law, subprogramme 3, Progressive development and codification of international law, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. 1/ Related resources were initially programmed and approved under section 9, subprogramme 3, of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 2/ Following the restructuring of the Secretariat, proposals for the transfer of programmes and resources from section 9 to section 38 have been submitted to the General Assembly in the Secretary-General's revised estimates (A/C.5/47/2 and Corr.1).

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

3. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would convene a three-week session of the Special Committee in New York from 1 to 19 March 1993. It is assumed that the Committee and its working group would require interpretation in the six official languages of the General Assembly and other meeting services for 30 meetings. In addition, the Committee would require 4 pre-session documents (30 pages), 15 in-session documents (60 pages) and its report (32 pages) to be translated and issued in the six languages of the Assembly.

D. Modifications in the approved programme of work

4. Provision for the substantive servicing of the Special Committee has been made in the programme budget for 1992-1993. Consequently, no modification would be required in the approved programme of work.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

5. The conference-servicing requirements for a three-week session of the Special Committee in New York are estimated on a full-cost basis at $310,800, as follows:

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(a)	Pre-session documentation	
	(30 pages, 4 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	32 800
(b)	Meeting servicing	
	(Interpretation: A,C,E,F,R,S)	174 700
(c)	In-session documentation	
	(60 pages, 15 documents: A,C,E,F,R,S)	71 100
(d)	Post-session documentation	
	(32 pages, 1 document: A,C,E,F,R,S)	32 200
	Total	310 800

F. Potential for absorption

6. The above cost estimates are based on the theoretical assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity under section 32 or the proposed section 41 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity would need to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences for 1992-1993. However, as indicated in paragraph 32.4 of the programme budget, the level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings in 1992-1993 was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings which are programmed but also additional meetings. In other words, provision is made in the programme budget not only for meetings known at the time of budget preparation but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences are consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years.

G. Summary

7. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.6/47/L.15, no additional appropriation would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Notes

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

2/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/46/6/Rev.1), vol. I.